

27th February 1928] [Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi]

will be no prospect of the Nellore district being benefited by this project. It is my earnest wish that Nellore district may also be included and without it the resolution cannot be accepted, at least by me."

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" My only excuse for intervening in this debate is that I find that the hon. Member is making a mistake as to the recommendation of the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee. What the Committee recommended was that there should not be two different schemes for the Tungabhadra and Kistna. They recommended what they called the Tungabhadra-Kistna scheme of which the Tungabhadra project as modified by them was one part. Nellore and other parts would also come into the scheme as recommended by them. My hon. Friend apparently has not seen the recommendations of the Committee. The Nellore part would have its turn in the scheme of execution recommended by the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee. If my hon. Friend had seen the report, he would have noticed that the Ceded Districts themselves have not been given absolute preference. The main idea that actuated the Ceded Districts Committee in making their recommendation was to make the combined schemes as far as possible a productive one, a scheme which, although it may not turn out absolutely productive, would not be a source of loss to Government. The original Tungabhadra project, as hon. Members are aware, was a scheme that involved a large annual recurring loss to Government and the Committee considered that it was their duty, as far as possible, to evolve a scheme that would not only minimise the loss but which might at the same time be remunerative—at least one that would not involve any loss to Government. For that reason they recommended what they called the Tungabhadra-Kistna scheme—one single unit consisting of different parts. I do not think it is necessary to take up the time of the House by going into the details. But I may be permitted to assure the hon. Member from Nellore that Nellore was not specifically excluded from the scope of the Tungabhadra-Kistna project. Although the Committee recommended that it may be possible to supply Nellore with a single reservoir from Tungabhadra, they said that if the time comes and irrigation develops to a certain extent, when, it may be found that a single reservoir was insufficient, it would be time enough to go in for another reservoir. But they expect that by constructing a dam from the site on the Kistna river which they recommended, to divert the combined waters of the Tungabhadra and Kistna, they would get enough water ordinarily for the Nellore district for the first crop. On the point, whether an additional reservoir was necessary, they had not the necessary information nor the staff to procure it, but they recommended that it should form part of the combined project—the Tungabhadra-Kistna project."

The resolution as amended was put and carried.

THE MADRAS NURSES AND MIDWIVES ACT 1926.*

The ZAMINDAR OF SEITHUR :—" As the object of my resolution has already been put into operation I withdraw the resolution of which I have given notice, viz,—

'This Council recommends to the Government that the Madras Nurses and Midwives Act, 1926, be brought into operation immediately'."

The resolution was deemed to have been withdrawn.